

Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 12

LOCAL NEWS.

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For this section local rains, continued high temperature during the day, followed on Saturday by slightly cooler weather, winds shifting to northerly.

PERSONAL.—Gen. Custis Lee, whose illness at Ravensworth has been mentioned, continues to improve and, it is thought, will be able to leave his bed in a short time.

Mr. Oscar F. Carter, who has been visiting relative in Colorado, has returned. He had a delightful trip.

Mrs. M. J. Murray, of "Cedar Hill," Hanover county, Va., is visiting relatives in this city.

Messrs. Frank Carlin and W. J. Hall left here this morning for a trip through New York.

Rev. R. Smithson and wife are at Federal Hill, Md., where they will spend a few weeks. During Mr. Smithson's visit to his native country his sons are staying at Colonial Beach.

Miss Mary Tebbis is visiting at Fairfax C. H.

Mrs. Tillie C. Pickin has returned from Wesley Grove Camp.

Mr. E. Goldsmith, of Leesburg, is on a short visit to friends in this city.

FIRES.—The alarm of fire about half past six o'clock yesterday evening was caused by the slight burning of the roof of the spoke factory at the foot of Cameron street. The damage was slight. This makes the fourth time this building has been on fire in two days. The alarm brought out the entire department, and coming as it did at the commencement of the severe storm, created intense excitement.

The alarm of fire about half past two o'clock this evening was caused by the burning of a chimney of the frame house occupied by T. E. Dulaney, on Princess street between Alfred and Patrick. Sparks communicated to the roof which was slightly burned but the flames were soon extinguished by members of the Columbia company with a pump stream. The damage was slight.

AN UNPROFITABLE SPECULATION.—Yesterday afternoon, as one of the deputy tax collectors of the city (who, by the way, has unimpaired tastes) was on his way down King street with a bag of old style copper coins and shavers which he had collected, he was accosted by a storekeeper, who offered him \$10 for the contents of the bag. The deputy collector replied that he guessed not, thinking the storekeeper was joking; when the latter increased his bid, offering him \$20 for the supposed treasure. The latter offer was accepted and the bag turned over to the purchaser, who upon dumping the pile out was somewhat chagrined to find that the bag contained only three hundred and some pennies. To-day the \$20 was returned to the luckless speculator, who quickly restored the coins.

STORM.—This city and vicinity was visited yesterday evening by a severe wind and rain storm, during which several trees were blown down, trap doors torn from their fastenings and fences prostrated. The storm was accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy thunder, and during its continuance the piles of the ferry wharf were struck by an electric bolt, but not much damaged. The lightning descended in a ball of fire and burst just as it struck one of the piles with a loud report, the electricity scattering in all directions. The sight was a magnificent one, and was witnessed by a large number of persons. The old paper-leaf tree in Christ church yard was blown down by the wind. In the adjoining country the streams were much swollen for a time by the heavy rain-fall, but no damage was reported.

THE OYSTER CROP.—The scarcity of oysters this summer has given rise to the report that the supply this season would be short and the price high. An extensive dealer in reference to the report says: "The reason that oysters have been scarce this summer, is because the law against taking them from deep water and transplanting them in the shallow creeks has been rigidly enforced, and, in consequence, the usual summer supply has been very limited. And then, again, the terrible hot weather has affected them. But when the regular season begins I anticipate a big supply. And this year they will be larger and fatter, owing to the enforcement of the oyster law. We will have an abundance of oysters this winter."

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was cloudy and warm, and with two prisoners at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Wm. James, colored, arrested by Officer Jones, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$3.

John Gaines, arrested by Officer Taylor, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was dismissed.

Wm. Carter, colored, a member of the chain gang, charged with insubordination in refusing to work, had his time extended thirty days.

COURT MARTIAL.—The regimental court martial ordered by Col. C. C. Wertenbaker, of the Third Virginia Regiment, for the trial of such members of the Alexandria Light Infantry who had violated the State militia laws, met at the armory in this city last night. The court was composed of Capt. Mushback, Lieut. Monroe and Bayne, privates Burke and Hinckley with Corporal Kell as recorder and Orderly Sergeant Marbury as advocate. Fines amounting to about \$25 were imposed upon members for absence from drill and for non-attendance upon courts martial when summoned.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday evening Mr. Benj. Miller, of Oakton, near this place, fell from a load of hay to the ground, and suffered injuries from which death resulted in a short time. Mr. Miller came to this city from New York some six or eight years ago, and purchased the farm owned by Mr. Gilson Whaley. He was an industrious and successful farmer, and much respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and several children. —Fairfax Herald.

MISS MARY JOHNSON.—Will open her CHOCOLATE BOY on September 20th at her residence, 204 Prince street.

NEW MACKEREL.—Nos. 2 and 3.

FAT MACKEREL IN BARRELS AND KITS.—A. C. HARMON & CO.

FRESH EGGS AND BUTTER just received by J. C. MILBURN.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The August meteoric display of last night was a failure.

Stephen Ford was badly bitten on the leg by a dog in Friendship alley, on Wednesday evening.

The steamer Pilot Boy will not stop at this city on her excursions to Glymont hereafter on account of the little patronage she received.

A new spark arrester has been put on the stack of the spoke factory, so there probably will be no more fire alarms in that direction for some time.

The District conference of the M. E. Church South will meet in Oceanan on the first week in September. There will be about sixty ministers in attendance.

During the storm of yesterday evening lightning struck and killed three horses belonging to Mr. William Thorn, in Prince George's county, Md., opposite this city.

The democrats of Fairfax will meet in mass meeting at the Court House, on Monday next, to appoint delegates to the convention to be held in this city on the 24th inst., to nominate a candidate for this Senatorial district.

Mr. Wm. Simpson, a brother of Mr. Samuel Simpson, of Fauquier, who had many friends and relatives in this section of the State, died at Boonville, Mo., on July 30th, in the 81st year of his age. He was a native of Fairfax county.

It was stated in Wednesday's GAZETTE that the body Thomas Lee Styles, who was drowned from the steamer Lady of the Lake on Saturday night last, had been found and interred on the beach in Charles county, Md. Yesterday the body was disinterred and taken to Washington on the steamer John W. Thompson for burial this evening.

Holmes Puryear was to have been hanged at Prince George C. H. to day for wife murder, but as there is no telegraphic communication to that point the particulars of the hanging are not known.

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SUITINGS!—Good, pretty and cheap suits made to order and fit guaranteed by J. C. MILBURN.

JELLIES, PRESERVES AND FRUIT BUTTER for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

MIXED PICKLE, CHOW CHOW AND CUCUMBER PICKLES, for sale at J. C. MILBURN'S.

10 GROSS RUMFORD'S YEAST POWDER received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

TEAS—Having bought largely of Teas, carefully selected, I am selling the same very low. J. C. MILBURN.

2500 LBS PURE BUCKWHEAT FLOUR for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

RED WARRIOR CHOPPING AXES, wholesale and retail, at 88 King, corner of Royal st. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

PEERLESS ICE CREAM FREEZERS, for sale at reduced prices, at 88 King street, corner of Royal. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

WHITE WASH BRUSHES, Garden Rakes, Hoes, Trowels, &c.,—a full stock now at J. F. CARLIN & SONS.

BORAX SOAP, white, just received and for sale at 5c per cake by J. C. MILBURN.

HONEY DEOP, RED CROSS and QUEEN ANNE'S CANNED CORN for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

BASKETS—A full line of covered and open baskets for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

LARGE CANS TOMATOES, Nanticoke brand, for sale at 10c each by J. C. MILBURN.

HONEY NEW VIRGINIA HONEY, in 1-lb packages, just received at J. C. MILBURN'S.

PANTS CUT, patent-taped and reinforced-seat drawers, made from best perfol drill, at my12 J. C. MILBURN'S.

SATCHELS AND VALISES, all Leather and Canvas, very cheap, at my13 J. C. MILBURN'S.

CHOICE MACKEREL and **POTOMAC ROE** for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

KITCHEN, CRYSTAL AND PEERLESS Scouring Soaps, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

ANOTHER INVOICE OF STRAINED HONEY received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

A VERY HANDSOME ASSORTMENT OF P. K. and SILK 4 IN HANDSOMES, from 5 to 50c, at my16 A. B. SLAYMAKER'S.

REINFORCED BACK AND FRONT SHIRTS at 50c; a very cheap article. Call and see them my16 A. B. SLAYMAKER'S.

SMALL HAMS, Misonri brand, 7 to 10 pounds each. For sale by J. C. MILBURN.

STRICTLY PURE CIDER VINEGAR, extra strength, for pickling, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

INDIGO BLUE BOATING SUITS, from factory, just received by my12 J. C. MILBURN'S.

RUBBER DRESSING COMBS, a fine assortment from the cheapest to the best grades, at my14 J. C. MILBURN'S.

POR GOOD FLOUR TRY THE POTOMAC For sale only by J. C. MILBURN'S.

FLANNEL PICNIC SHIRTS, all sizes and colors, from 50c to \$2.50, at my16 J. C. MILBURN'S.

POTATO CHIPS, in half-pound boxes, received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

MALAGA GRAPES and CAPE COD CRAB BERRIES just received. my20 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

MISSOURI HAMS—If you have not bought one do not fail to go to MCBURNEY'S STORE and get one. They are simply grand. ap11

DRIED PEACHES, peeled and unpeeled, and bright dried Apples for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

MISSOURI HAMS, small sizes, canvassed and uncanvassed, very fine, received to day by my31 J. C. MILBURN.

PURE BLACKBERRY CORDIAL, made for family use. GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

BUTTER—Choice fresh Virginia, New York and Creamery Butter just received by J. C. MILBURN.

POTTED MEATS—Ham, Beef, Tongue, Turkey, Chicken, Duck and Game. GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

INDIA GAUZE, Gosauwer and Balbriggan Shirts, long and short sleeves just received at my12 J. C. MILBURN'S.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Another hot and dull week is to be noted. Money is very scarce throughout the country and the complaint of hard times is again prevalent all over the land. The effect of the heated term is still felt in the merchandise markets, and business is very quiet. The crop reports are unfavorable in some quarters, but buyers lack confidence, and advances are quickly followed by reactions. Government bonds are quiet. Virginia bonds are very quiet. The past due coupons fundable at par are wanted at 62, and the 50 per cent. issues are quoted at 32 1/2 to 33 1/2. Railroad securities are very quiet, and we quote: Va. Mid-1sts 120; 2ds 117 1/2 to 118 1/2; 3ds 111 1/2; 4ths 68 1/2; 5ths 104 1/2.

NEW YORK, August 12.—The stock market is quiet and firm to strong at best prices reached. Money easy at 3 1/4.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE AUG. 12

Flour, fine	\$2 25	0 20
Superfine	3 00	0 25
Extra	3 50	0 30
Family	4 25	0 45
Fancy brands	4 75	0 50
Wheat, Longberry	0 75	0 80
Mixed	0 75	0 79
Flour	0 70	0 74
Damp and tough	0 60	0 68
Corn, white	0 55	0 56
Yellow	0 55	0 56
Corn Meal	0 55	0 57
Oats, new	0 48	0 52
Barley, Virginia	0 18	0 23
Common to middling	0 10	0 11
Eggs	0 14	0 15
Live Chickens	0 13	0 14
Veal Calves	0 4	0 10
Butcher's Ham	0 30	0 40
Irish Potatoes per bushel	0 90	0 100
Onions	0 7	0 8
Dried Peaches, peeled	0 4	0 5
" unpeeled	0 8	0 9
" Cherries	0 3	0 4
Dried Apples	0 3	0 4
Bacon—Hams, country	0 13 1/2	0 14
Best sugar cured Ham	0 13 1/2	0 14
Butcher's Ham	0 13 1/2	0 14
Breakfast Bacon	0 11	0 11 1/2
Sugar-cured Shoulders	0 8	0 8 1/2
Bulk shoulders	0 6 1/2	0 7
" lg. cl. sides	0 9	0 9
" fat backs	0 8	0 8 1/2
" bellies	0 9	0 9 1/2
Bacon Shoulders	0 9 1/2	0 9 3/4
Sides	0 7 1/2	0 8
Lard	0 7 1/2	0 8
Smoked Beef	0 15 1/2	0 16
Sugars—Brown	0 4 1/2	0 5 1/2
Off A.	0 5 1/2	0 5 3/4
Conf. Standard A	0 5 1/2	0 5 3/4
Granulated	0 6	0 6 1/2
Coffee—Rio	0 19	0 22
La Guayra	0 22	0 24
Java	0 25	0 28
Molasses R. S.	0 15	0 16
" C. B.	0 17	0 18
Sugar Syrup	3 50	5 25
Herring, East India	4 00	4 50
Potomac No. 1	9 50	10 00
Pot. Family Roe " bbl.	4 50	5 00
Do. " half barrel	0 00	0 00
Mackerel, small, per bbl.	10 00	10 50
" No. 3, medium	12 00	14 00
" No. 3, large fat	15 00	18 00
" do. " 2	4 25	5 00
Claret Seed	2 15	2 25
Timothy	4 75	5 00
Plaster, ground, per ton	5 75	6 00
Ground in bags	3 50	3 75
Lump	0 75	0 80
Salt—G. A. (Liverpool)	1 15	1 20
" Fine	0 26	0 27
Wool—Long unwashed	0 30	0 34
Washed	0 22	0 25
Merino, unwashed	0 30	0 34
Do. Washed	0 70	0 75
Sumac	10 00	13 00
Corn	18 00	19 00
Wheat Bran " per ton	16 50	17 00
Brown Middlings	16 50	17 00
White Middlings	17 50	18 00
Hominy Chop	19 00	20 00
Cotton Seed Meal	24 00	26 00

Flour is easy, and common grades are selling at lower figures. Wheat continues rather more active for merchantable and strictly prime samples, but ordinary and damaged lots are still very hard to dispose of; dealers on such markets as we have had this reason find it impossible to handle them at any profit, and are afraid to hold them in bulk on account of the weevil and danger of heating; hence the long range of prices—55 to 80c per bushel. Corn is strong and higher; white and yellow 55 1/2c. Rye and Oats are steady. Potatoes are hard to sell and more abundant than for many years. Butter, Eggs, Chickens and other produce are in constant demand and without change.

BALTIMORE, August 11.—Cotton dull; middling 9 1/2. Flour steady, except for low grade city mills, which are lower: Howard street and Western super \$2 50 to 2 75; do extra \$3 00 to 3 60; do family \$3 75 to 4 35; city mills super \$2 25 to 2 75; do extra \$3 00 to 3 60; do Rio brands \$4 25 to 4 50; Patapsco super patent \$5 10; do family \$4 75. Wheat—Southern firm; red 8 1/2 to 8 3/4; amber 7 5/8 to 7 7/8; Western lower and dull; No 2 winter red spot 7 1/4 to 7 5/8; Sept 7 1/2 to 7 5/8; Oct 7 1/4 to 7 5/8; Dec 7 1/4 to 7 5/8. Corn—Southern steady and firm; white 53 1/2 to 54 1/2; yellow 52 1/2 to 53 1/2; Western irregular, closing dull; mixed spot 48 1/2 to 49 1/2; Aug 48 1/2 asked; Sept 48 1/2 to 49 1/2; Oct 49 1/2 to 50 1/2. Oats lower, with heavy receipts of new crop; Southern and Penna 30 1/2 to 31 1/2; Western white 33 1/2 to 34 1/2; mixed 32 1/2 to 33 1/2. Rye easier and dull 48 1/2 to 49 1/2. Hay firm; prime to choice Western \$13 1/2 to 15 00. Provisions steady, with a fair inquiry. Mess Pork \$16 1/2 to 17 1/2. Bulk-meats—shoulders and clear rib sides packed 7 1/2 to 8 1/2; shoulders 7 1/2 to 8 1/2; clear rib sides 9 1/2 to 10 1/2; hams 12 1/2 to 14 1/2. Lard—refined 8. Butter firm; Western packed 17 1/2 to 18 1/2; creamery 22 1/2 to 23 1/2. Eggs steady at 13 1/2 to 14 1/2. Coffee dull and nominal; Rio cargoes ordinary to fair 18 1/2 to 19 1/2. Sugar steady and quiet; A soft 5 1/2. Whiskey steady and firm at \$1 14 1/2 to 15.

NEW YORK, August 12.—Cotton easy; uplands 9 1/2; Orleans 7 1/2; futures dull. Flour quiet and weak. Wheat lower. Corn lower 31 1/2 to 32 1/2. Old mess Pork steady at \$15 00 to 16 00. Old mess Pork steady at \$15 00 to 16 00. Lard weaker at \$6 57 1/2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12, 11 a. m.—September Wheat opened steady and not particularly lively at 69 1/2, and is now quoted lower at 68 1/2. Sept. Corn opened at 41 1/2, declined, and is now selling at 41 1/2 to 41 3/4. Sept. Oats 25 1/2. Sept. Lard 16 50.

RICHMOND MARKET, August 11.—The market for Flour is dull and the demand very light. Offerings of Wheat small, with sales 70 1/2 for white 70 1/2 for longberry, 75 1/2 for mixed and 73 1/2 for shortberry. Corn brought 51 and Oats sold at 34.

FREDERICKSBURG MARKET, August 11.—Flour \$3 50; Wheat 75 1/2; Corn 50 1/2; Oats 32 1/2.

LYNCHBURG MARKET, August 11.—There is no change whatever noted in the market, which is very flat.

BALTIMORE SUGAR AND COFFEE MARKET, Aug. 11.—Sugars—The market for raw Sugars at the North is very moderate, and the market is dull and nominal. We quote Muscovado, 89 test, at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4, and centrifugal, 96 test, at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 per lb. For refined Sugars the distribution is only fair, and the market is quiet and steady, with a liberal supply of stock offering. We quote hams at \$6 44 for cut loaf, \$6 38 for cubes, \$6 50 for powdered, \$6 35 for granulated. Softs—\$6 35 for moist A. \$6 25 for confectioners' A. and \$5 87 for standard A.

Coffee—The speculation has declined somewhat in the week. The market for invoices is dull and nominal, with few sales reported, and the stock held without pressure. The distribution is moderate, and orders are mostly confined to small lots. Rice invoices are quoted nominally at 31c per lb for fair.

Cattle Markets.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, August 11.—Beef Cattle—Prices of Beef Cattle ranged as follows: Best—\$4 12 1/2 to 4 40. Generally rated first quality—3 25 to 4 50. Medium—3 12 1/2 to 3 87 1/2. Ordinary—2 87 1/2 to 3 25. Cows—2 50 to 4 50. Extreme range of prices—2 50 to 4 50.

Most of the sales were from..... 3 00 a 4 25. Total receipts this week 1465. Total sales 1108. Of the receipts 1187 came from Virginia. The market opened with a fair degree of activity, but did not continue so long. Prices at the start were about the same as last week, but this position was lost, and lower figures to the extent of 1-10c were accepted. Trade much before the close became very sluggish. The quality was fully up to that of last week's offerings, good butcher Cattle being fairly well represented, and the butchers bought more freely than last Thursday and the country dealers to a less extent.

Sheep and Lambs—The receipts sum up a few hundred less than last week, but they are ample for the demand. Good Sheep were scarce, and for such there was a fairly good demand prevailing, but the bulk of the offerings consisted of medium and common grades, for which the inquiry was slow. We quote butchers' Sheep at 2 1/2 to 2 3/4, and Lambs at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 per lb gross. Receipts this week of Sheep and Lambs 6076 head.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET, Aug. 11.—Beefves—no market for Beefves; firm and higher for dressed Beef at 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 per lb for native sides. Sheep and Lambs firm and higher for good offerings; good Lambs made a further advance of 1/4c per lb. Sheep sold at \$3 10 to 1 75; but they are ample at \$5 per 100 lbs, and Lambs at \$4 50 to 5, with about three carloads of Canada, State and Maryland Lambs at \$8 25. Hogs—market dull for live Hogs at \$5 50 to 5 75 per 100 lbs.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Aug. 11.—Cattle—market steady; shipping steers \$2 95 to 3 70; stockers and feeders at \$1 25 to 3; mixed 1 1/2 to 2; Texas Cattle \$3, and Wyoming natives \$2 75. Hogs—market steady; rough and mixed 4 60 to 5 10; packing and shipping \$5 35 to 5 50, and light \$4 45 to 5 10. Sheep—market steady; natives \$2 75 to 3 15; Western \$3 50 to 3 75; Texas \$2 35 to 3, and Lambs \$1 75 to 2 per head.

QUEENSTOWN CATTLE MARKET, Aug. 11.—93 Cattle were on the market, and all sold to butchers as follows: Best 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per lb; good 4 1/4 to 4 1/2; medium 3 3/4 to 4; common 2 3/4 to 3 1/4. Sheep and Lambs on the market, and all sold as follows: Old Sheep 3 1/2 to 4; Lambs 4 1/2 to 5. Six Cows and Calves sold at from \$20 to \$40 each. The market for all kinds of stock was brisk.

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